

## **REMARKS**

Claims 2-20 are pending in this patent application. By this amendment, claim 2-3, 8-11, 14, and 18 have been canceled, and claims 4, 15, and 19 amended. Reconsideration of this patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 12-13 and 20 were allowed.

Claims 4-7, 15-17, and 19 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Such rewriting has been done in accord with the Examiner's suggestion. Thus, claims 4-7, 15-17, and 19 are believed to be in proper form for allowance.

### **35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection**

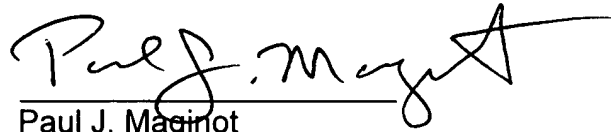
Claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Judet (U.S. Patent No. 5,314,485). Claims 2-3, 8-11, and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Greenwald (U.S. Patent No. 4,106,128). Claims 2-3, 8-11, 14, and 18 have been canceled.

## Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Action to that end is hereby solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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